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FALL ELECTIONS PROPOSED

The Students' Council, in meeting last Thursday evening, decided to submit the proposal contained in the Students Election Act for fall elections to the student body. Accordingly the Council has called a general Students' Union meeting for 4:30 this afternoon in Convocation Hall. Knowledge of this meeting came to The Gateway too late to permit publication of the Act in last Friday's paper. It is, therefore, printed in full below:

Whereas, the true will and intent of the student body at this university has not been effectually expressed under the existing system of election, and

Whereas, it is the present desire of the Students' Union Council to obtain a more satisfactory method of selection of student officials for the offices of the Students' Union Council and other elective offices;

Therefore be it enacted:

1. Section 5 of "The Act to Provide for the Constitution of Students' Union of the University of Alberta" as amended to 1936 is hereby repealed in toto.

2. In the election of officers for the new council the retiring Students' Council shall be responsible and shall make all necessary preparations, and discharge all duties connected with the said elections.

3. All members of the Students' Union who have paid their fees shall be eligible for nominations and election to those offices to be filled at the annual election, provided:

(a) No student in his first year of attendance at the University shall be eligible for nomination to those offices to be filled at the annual election;

(b) That at any one election no more than four students of fraternity or sorority affiliation shall present themselves for nomination or election or shall be nominated or elected to the Students' Union Council.

4. The nominations of all enumerated offices shall be held on the second Wednesday in October if the University opening be a regular one. In the case of a delayed opening, the President of the University shall designate nomination day.

5. (a) The nominations for the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Students' Union shall be in writing, signed by the nominator and nine other members of the Students' Union and shall bear the signature of the nominee signifying acceptance of the nomination.

(b) The nominations for each of the five faculty representatives and for the nurses' representative on the Students' Council shall be in writing signed by the nominator and nine other members of the Students' Union, and shall bear the signature of the nominee signifying acceptance of the nomination. The nominator and all those signing the nomination paper shall be paid-up members of the various faculty clubs and shall also be paid-up members of the Students' Union.

(c) It shall be a condition precedent to an effective nomination that each candidate shall have before nomination day lodged with the current acting head of The Gateway, and the acting secretary of the Students' Council a copy of said nominee's platform; this shall be signed by the nominee and shall be for all purposes an official binding statement. The Gateway shall publish this said copy in the first possible issue.

6. The general election shall be held on the third Wednesday of October of each year, between the hours of nine a.m. and six p.m.

7. The election shall be by secret ballot, the single transferable ballot being the system employed for all elective offices.

8. (a) The President of the University shall in the first week of student attendance at the University nominate the Returning Officer. The said office shall not necessarily be filled by a member of the student body.

(b) The Returning Officer so nominated shall have complete control of the students' elections throughout the year, including power to appoint as many Deputy Returning Officers, Poll Clerks, and designated Constables as he may deem necessary.

(c) The Returning Officer shall have and may delegate the power of rejecting or removing from within or from the vicinity of any polling booth any person or persons for the purpose of maintaining order at the polls.

(d) An honorarium of fifteen dollars shall be awarded to such Returning Officer at each election and a further honorarium of five dollars in case of recount.

(e) The Returning Officer shall not have a vote, but all other poll officials otherwise qualified shall be possessed of a vote.

(f) The Returning Officer shall hold valid only ballots marked correctly.

(g) At each poll there shall be posted a notice of election, the nominations, the official platforms, the method of voting, posted 48 hours before election.

(h) The Returning Officer shall post on the Students' Union board an official voters' list of all the electors on or before Friday morning at nine o'clock, after the nominations have been made, and the said list shall be subject to revision until twelve o'clock noon of the day next preceding the elections.

9. After all ballots have been counted in the presence of the Scrutineers, the Returning Officer shall place the ballots in a sealed package in the presence of the said Scrutineers, and he shall deposit the said package for safe-keeping with the President of The Students' Union, and the said package and ballots shall be preserved by him for at least two weeks after the election.

10. If within forty-eight hours after the results of the election have been published and declared, ten electors shall submit to the President of the University a written request for a recount of the ballots cast for any, or for all, of the candidates, then the President of the University shall make all the necessary arrangements for a recount of the ballots.

11. All students paying the Students' Union fee shall be entitled to vote; provided, however, that no student in his first year of attendance at this university shall be entitled to vote.

12. In addition to the offices already enumerated, the following offices shall be filled by annual election:

- (a) The Editor of The Gateway;
- (b) The Director of the Year Book;
- (c) The Directors of the Publicity and Public Relations Departments;
- (d) The President of the Debating Society.

The same rules of nomination and election shall apply to these offices as set out in the preceding paragraphs.

13. Each paid member of the Students' Union shall be entitled to vote for only one of the five faculty representatives or for nurses' representative on The Students' Council. The division of voters shall be as follows:

Agricultural Representative—Students registered in the Faculty of Agriculture including those proceeding to the degree of B.H.Ec., and students registered in the last three years of Arts and Agriculture.

Applied Science Representative—Students registered in the Faculty of Applied Science including those proceeding to the degree of B.Sc. in Architecture, and students registered in the last three years of Arts and Engineering or the last three years of Arts and Architecture.

Arts and Sciences Representative—Students registered in (1) the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, including those registered in this faculty as a pre-requisite to Law, Dentistry or Medicine; (2) the School of Commerce; (3) the School of Household Economics, for the degree of B.Sc. in H.Ec.; (4) the School of Pharmacy, including both the degree and licentiate courses; (5) the School of Education; (6) the first three years of the combined courses in Arts and Architecture, Arts and Engineering, Arts and Agriculture, Arts and Law, Arts and Dentistry, and Arts and Medicine; (7) students registered under the Committee on Graduate Studies, for the degrees of M.A., M.Sc., or B.Educ., and students for the B.D. Degree.

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Law Representative—Students registered in the Faculty of Law and in the last three years of Arts and Law.

Medicine Representative—(1) Students registered in the Faculty of Medicine, including Dentistry students; (2) students registered in the last five years of Arts and Medicine or the last four years of Arts and Dentistry.

Nursing Representative—Students registered in the School of Nursing, including both the degree and diploma courses.

Proviso: The stated rule against freshmen shall not be contravened by any of these sections.

14. All members of the Students' Union shall upon registration be provided with a free copy of the Students' Amended Constitution.

15. Any fifty students by submitting a signed petition to the secretary of the Students' Union shall be deemed to have commenced the first step in the process of recall of any officer against whom the petition is directed. In this section recall shall mean:

- (a) The calling of a meeting by the President within one week of receipt of said petition.
- (b) If at such meeting a majority vote of those present shall be directed in censure of said officer the recall shall be effected.
- (c) When any recall has been effected or a resignation accepted the President of the Students' Union shall fill such vacancies by an election conducted in accordance with the stated rules for annual elections. In such new election the recalled candidate shall be eligible for nomination and election.

16. No office not specifically enumerated in this Act shall be subject to the provisions of this Act.

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COMING EVENTS

Two extra-curricular events of major importance are occurring on the campus this week.

On Thursday evening the first major men's basketball game of the season will take place, when Coach "Jake"

Jamieson's Golden Bears meet a team from Calgary in the return match of an inter-city series. The Collegians won at Calgary, and a fast, interesting game is promised for Thursday evening.

On Friday and Saturday evenings, "The Wind and the Rain," annual Spring Play presentation for the year, will "go on the boards" in Convocation Hall at 8:30 p.m.

EDITORIAL

A special Students' Union meeting is being called this afternoon to discuss the proposed amendments to the constitution with respect to elections, and more particularly, in view of the approach of the annual Students' Union elections, the suggestion that these elections be held in the fall of the year rather than at the present time.

That suggestion seems to be a very controversial one. It is quite generally conceded that more interest would be taken in the elections if they were held in the fall when students are not confronted with preparation for examinations.

However, the main objection, as we see it, is this: if the commission at present investigating the subject of senior sport favors its retention and we decide to enter intercollegiate competition, the financing of the rugby team and the track team will be practically impossible. A retiring council could not be expected to budget for expenditures for which an incoming council would be responsible. Also, with respect to the Athletic Executive and the President and Secretary of both Men's and Women's Athletics, both these offices would have to be filled in the spring so that fall athletics could get away to a good start without being delayed to await the election of the necessary officers on the third Wednesday in October.

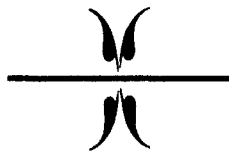
As to the other proposed elective offices there is no necessity for their elections to be held in the spring, with the exception of the Year Book director, but the date of the fall elections would necessarily have to be advanced by at least two weeks. With the elections on the third Wednesday in October, The Gateway could not get under way until the end of the month. Pep Rallies would become a thing of the past. The Debating Society usually starts its program of Open Forum Debates immediately after Varsity opens so that the proper consideration can be given to the prospective speakers for the Imperial Debate, which is held early in the fall. The Dramatic Society starts its preparation for the Interyear Plays immediately after the opening of the session. And as for the Year Book staff, its work commences early in the summer. The collection of advertising for the publication is always well under way before the University opens.

A plebiscite is to be held on this matter tomorrow, and all students should consider the matter very carefully before voting.

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